APPENDIX

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 98 asked by Sri S. M. Annamalai at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 11th August 1960, page 376 supra]

A.—(*a*) The following are the reasons for the annual auction of bamboo coupes in the Reserve Forests, which were used to be auctioned once in three years previously :—

(i) As a result of working on a lease period of three years, it was found that the sale amounts fetched were not only, not advantageous to the Government, but were less than what the concerned coupes fetched previously, when they were sold on one year lease ;

(ii) by adopting a three-year lease period, the contractor is given the monopoly for working the coupe for three years irrespective of the market conditions in the subsequent two years of the lease period. Further, such a course shuts out small capitalists from participating in the auction sales and thereby limits the scope for competition ; and

(iii) silviculturally, it is also desirable to work the bamboo bearing areas once in three years.

(*b*) No, Sir.